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1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1761

2 (As Amended by Senate Amendment No. 2)

3 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has had a long-standing  
4 statutory goal of spending 20% of all procurement dollars on  
5 minority and women-owned businesses; and

6 WHEREAS, Investing in minority and women-owned businesses  
7 is a central economic development strategy for the State to  
8 ensure the businesses that prosper from the State's need for  
9 goods and services reflects the diversity of the entire State;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Legal services is one of the components that the  
12 State's statutory goal for spending 20% for minority and  
13 women-owned businesses apply towards; and

14 WHEREAS, The last year where full data is available on  
15 actual spending with minority and women-owned businesses is  
16 FY2015; and

17 WHEREAS, In FY2015, the State spent more than \$35,000,000  
18 on outside law firms in legal services; and

19 WHEREAS, Only 4% of the State's legal services in FY15 were  
20 with minority and women-owned firms; and

1           WHEREAS, The total spent on African-American owned law  
2 firms in FY15 was under \$200,000, which is significantly less  
3 than 1% of the total spent on legal services the entire fiscal  
4 year; and

5           WHEREAS, Governor Rauner's administration was only  
6 responsible for half of the legal services spent in FY15 as the  
7 Governor was not inaugurated until the middle of that fiscal  
8 year; and

9           WHEREAS, While complete data for FY16 is not yet available,  
10 there have been a series of procurements for legal services  
11 that did not include any goal for minority or women-owned  
12 firms, including one posted April 8th for a Swaps Bond Counsel  
13 for the Governor's Office of Management and Budget; and

14           WHEREAS, Unless the Rauner administration makes a  
15 significant effort to increase the participation of minority  
16 and women-owned firms in legal spending, the administration is  
17 likely on track to dramatically fall short of the statutory  
18 goal of 20% participation; therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rauner  
21 administration is urged to comply with the statutory goal of

1 20% participation with minority and women-owned firms, as well  
2 as the statutory goal for veteran-owned firms, particularly as  
3 it relates to professional services and legal services; and be  
4 it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Rauner administration is urged to make  
6 every effort for FY16 to satisfy the 20% goal for participation  
7 with minority and women-owned firms in professional services as  
8 well as the statutory goal for veteran-owned firms, as that is  
9 the first full fiscal year completely administered by the  
10 Rauner administration; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
12 delivered to Governor Rauner.